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Louisiana Territory. October 27. 1806.

In pursuance of the following notice, To wit

St Louis Oct. 26. 1806

Sir

The interest of the Territory requires an immediate Session of its Legislature. I have therefore the Honor to inform you that I will meet the members of that Body on Monday the 27th inst at Ten o'clock in the morning at the House of E Hempstead Esq in ~~the Town~~ of Saint Louis — and am

with great respect and consideration

your most hble Servt

(Signed) Joseph Browne, S.T.L

and ex officio Gov of L

The Honble

John B. C. Lucas. &

Otho Shrader. "

The following members of the Legislature met

His Ex. Joseph Browne, ex off. Gover

~~The~~ Hon. John B. C. Lucas
Otho Shrader
} Judges

The first section of an act entitled "An act for the appointment of the Clerk of the General Court," was read the first time, which said section is in the words following. To wit, "Be it enacted by the " Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana, that the

Governor shall have power to appoint and commission
a Clerk of the General Court who shall hold his office
during good behaviour, provided that such Clerk
~~before~~ he is commissioned shall produce to the
Governor a Certificate from   of the Judges
of the said Court certifying that he is in the opinion
of the said Judges possesses the abilities and is
competent to fill the said office which Certificate
the said Judges are hereby required to give to such
person applying for the same, if upon examination
it shall appear to them that he is qualified as
aforesaid" and on motion of Mr Shrader that
the Legislature do agree thereto, a postponement of
the consideration thereof was moved by Mr Lucas
for the purpose of introducing the following substitute
for the said Section To wit " Be it enacted by the
Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana that the Judges
of the General Court of the said Territory or a ma-
jority of them shall have power to appoint a Clerk
of the said General Court who shall keep an office
nd reside in the said Territory at such place as
s the said General Court shall be holden who
hall hold the said Office during good behaviour
nd whose duty it shall be to keep correct minute
nd records of the proceedings of the said Court
nd generally do and perform all such matters an
ings as appertain and relate to the said office"
hich being read a motion was made by Mr Lucas
hat the Legislature do agree thereto, and the
tes were Ayes One, Noes: Two, Mr Lucas voting
the affirmative and Mr Brown & Mr Shrader in the
egative.

The following substitute, to the said

said Section introduced by Mr Shrader, was then proposed by Mr Lucas. To wit. 'Be it enacted by the 'Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana, that the Governor 'of the said Territory shall have power by and with 'the advice and consent of the Judges of the General 'Court of the said Territory or a majority of them to 'appoint a Clerk of the said General Court of the 'Territory who shall keep an office and reside in the 'said Territory at such place as the said General Court 'shall be holden, who shall hold the said office during 'good behaviour, and whose duty it shall be to keep 'correct minutes and records of the proceedings of the 'said Court, and generally shall do and perform 'all such matters and things as appertain and 'relate to the said office.' which being read, on motion of Mr Lucas that the Legislature do agree to the same, the votes were Ayes. Two. Noes. One, Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Lucas and Shrader, and Mr. Browne in the negative.

On motion of Mr Shrader, that the Legislature do agree to the section offered by him, the same being ~~reads~~, on the Question ~~shall~~ the Legislature agree to the said section, it was carried unanimously, the whole of the members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr Lucas that the blank in the said Section be filled by inserting the words "Two". ayes, Three, noes none, ~~[illegible]~~

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration

of,

the second section of the said act, and on motio
of Mr Shrader that the same be agreed to, it was
carried unanimously in the affirmative

The third, fourth, fifth, and sixth Sections were
then agreed to without a division,

~~And~~ on the Question will the Legislature
agree to the said act as amended, it passed
in the affirmative, all of the members voting
for the said act

Ordered that the same be engrossed

The Legislature adjourned till tomorrow
morning 9 oClock—

E. Hempstead

Tuesday morning October 28th 1806

The Legislature met pursuant to adjourn=
=ment present as Yesterday.

The act entitled "an act for the appointment
of the Clerk of the General Court", was passed
and signed.

On motion of Mr Lucas that the Legislature
do adjourn sine day - the votes were ayes. one
noes. one. Mr Lucas in the affirmative, and
Mr Shrader in the negative.

On motion of Mr Shrader, that the Legis

-lature do adjourn to Monday the tenth day of November next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, carried unanimously.

when the Legislature adjourned accordingly.

Ed. Hempstead Clk.

Monday November Tenth, A.D. 1806. The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present.

The Hon. Joseph Browne, Ex officio
John B. C. Lucas } Judges
Otho Shrader }

The General Court being still in session, the Legislature adjourned till Monday morning next the 17th instant at 10 o'clock,

Ed. Hempstead Clk

Monday November 17. 1806. being the day to which the Legislature was adjourned. present

The Hon. Joseph Browne, &
Otho Shrader. and in consequence of the absence of the Hon. John B. C. Lucas occasioned by indisposition, the Legislature adjourned till Wednesday morning November 19th at 10 o'clock

E. Hempstead. Clk

Wednesday the 19th of November 1806 being the day to which the Legislature was adjourned, one of the members, To wit Mr Lucas, being unable by reason of sickness to attend — present The Honr. Joseph Browne

and adjourned the Legislature Sine die.

E Hempstead Clerk

Monday the 27th day of April, 1807.

The Legislature met

present, The Honr. Frederick Bates, Secretary of the Territory, and Exercising the Government thereof

The Honr. John B. C. Lucas }
Otho Shrader } Judges

A Bill entitled "A Law concerning divorce and Alimony" being read ~~the first and the~~ second times was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading —

Mr Shrader introduced a Bill entitled "a Law for altering the time and Place of Holding the General Court" which being read, it is ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first thursday in May next,

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till tomorrow morning ~~at~~ 10 o'Clock

E Hempstead Clk

Tuesday morning April 28. 1807. —

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the same as Yesterday

The

Bill entitled "A Law concerning Divorce and Alimony" was Read a third Time, and on motion ordered that the same be recommitted to Mr Lucas, to repor thereon on the first Thursday in May next.

On motion of Mr Shrader, Resolved that Mr Bates do report by Bill or Otherwise.

1st. "A Law providing for the Division of Distric into Townships, and for the appointment of Officers therein"

2. a Law regulating the Militia

3. The Revision of the Law respecting Negroes an Slaves- and

4. a Law making provision for a permanent Revenue for the support of Territorial expences

On motion of Mr Bates, Resolved that Mr Lucas report by Bill or otherwise

1. A Revision of the Law respecting the Punishment of crimes

2. A Law respecting Mortgages, and

3, a Law respecting insolvent Debtors

On motion of Mr Lucas, Resolved that Mr Shrader report by Bill or otherwise, upon the following-

1. A Revision of the law for the Trial of small causes,

2, a Law respecting Strays

3. A revision of the Law respecting the fees of officers —

4, A Law respecting attachments in cases of absent and absconding Debtors

5. — a Law establishing orphans Courts

6. a Law respecting Wills, and for the distribution of intestate estates.

7. A Revision of the act concerning District Rates and Levies.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn to the first Thursday of May next, at 8, o'clock in the morning then to meet at the same place. —

E. Hempstead, Clerk.

Thursday May 8th the Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

Mr Lucas presented the Memorial and Remonstrance

the Committee on the behalf of the Inhabitants

the Town of Saint Louis: praying that the sittings

the General Court may ~~continue~~ to be holden at

he Town of Saint Louis: — ordered to lie on the Table

On motion of Mr Shrader, the Bill, entitled "an act altering the time and place of holding the General Court was read:— when Mr Lucas, moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed untill the first Tuesday of October next, the same was carried: Mr Lucas and Bates, voting in the affirmative and Mr Shrader in the negative.

Mr Lucas to whom the Bill entitled "an act concerning divorce and alimony" was recommitted, made a report thereon, with an amendment thereto— and on motion of Mr Lucas, ordered unanimously, that the said Bill ~~as~~ amended be made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr Shrader offered a Bill ~~supplemental~~" to the Law establishing Courts of Judicature," which being Read on the question shall this Bill pass, carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered that the title to the said Bill be" written "~~A Law~~ to amend an act entitled a Law establishing Courts of Judicature"

Ordered that the said Bill be engrossed for signing, which being done, the same was passed and signed accordingly

The Legislature then adjourned till Monday morning the 11th instant at 9 o'clock

E. Hempstead

Monday Morning May 11. 1807

Present: the Hon. F. Bates, the other members not attending, the Legislature adjourned till to morrow morning 9 O'Clock

C. Hempstead

Tuesday Morning May 12. 1807

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present: F. Bates
J. B. C. Lucas
O. Shrader

The Bill with the amendments entitled "a Law concerning Divorce and alimony" as reported by Mr Lucas being read: on motion of Mr Shrader, ordered that the further [illegible] of the amendment [illegible] in order to introduce the following substitute therefor to wit "Provided that if any marriage contract shall exist between e parties who may obtain a Divorce, the Court shall take uch marriage contract into consideration, and cause the he same to be carried into execution, and where by uch contract any provision shall have been made in vor of the Survivor, the Court shall cause the property intended for the Survivor to be equally divided mongst the parties, and the said Court shall further ave power to secure any property that may have been ivided among the parties in pursuance of such marriage ontract for the benefit of the Children of such arriage if any there be after the death of either the parties, in such manner as shall appear reaable and proper to the said Court". and the question, Shall the substitute as offered by Shrader be made a part of the said Bill the same was carried in the negative.

Yea. Mr Shrader

Nays. Mr Lucas, & Mr Bates:— and on the question Shall the said Bill with the amendments as reported by Mr Lucas pass, carried in the affirmative Unanimously

Ordered that the same be engrossed for a third reading Tomorrow"

Mr Shrader offered a Bill entitled "an act vesting certain powers in the General Court" which being read ordered that the further Consideration of ~~the~~ same be postponed till To morrow morning.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till To morrow morning 9 o'Clock

E. Hempstead Clk

Wednesday morning May 13, 1807.

Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present, as yesterday.

The Engrossed Bill, entitled "an Law concerning Divorce and Alimony" being read and on the Question Shall the same as Engross be a Law of the Territory of Louisiana, carried unanimously in the affirmative, and the same was thereupon signed accordingly.

The Bill entitled "an act vesting certain powers in the General Court" being Read; on motion of Mr Bates, ordered that the same be recommitted to Mr Shrader to report

[illegible]

thereon on monday next.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till monday Morning next at 8 o'Clock.

E. Hempstead Clk

Monday Morning May 18. 1807.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present,

The same members as before.

On motion of Mr Shrader, Ordered that the further consideration of the Bill, entitled "an act vesting certain Powers in the General Court" be postponed till the next sitting of the Legislature.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till monday the 22nd day of June next, at 9 o' Clock in the morning.

E. Hempstead Clk

Monday June 22nd 1807.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present,

Frederick Bates, Esqr. Secretary

John B. C Lucas } Esquires Judges

John Coburn, produced a commission
the President of the United States, as Judge &c and took his seat.

rdered that the Legislature do adjourn till to-
orning 9 o'Clock.

E. Hempstead.

Tuesday morning June 23. 1807

The Legislature met pursuant to adjourn-
ment.— Present, the same members as before
and Otho Shrader, Esq

Mr. Bates presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the Mine au Buton, signed by Elias A Elliott and others and Read; praying for the Removal of the sittings of the General Court to the Town of Saint Genevieve" ordered that the same do lie on the Table.— and on motion of Mr Coburn that the Resolution of the Legislature passed the eighth day of May last postponing the further consideration of a Bill for altering the time and place of holding the General Court, until the first Tuesday in october next be reconsidered, the same was carried unanimously

On motion of Mr Lucas that the further consideration of the Bill for altering the time and place of holding the General Court be postponed until Wednesday next succeeding the last Tuesday of October next; the votes were Mr Bates and Lucas in the affirmative. Mr Shrader, and Mr Coburn in the negat not carried

Mr Shrader proposed postponing the further consid-ation of the same until monday next, Mr Coburn mov a previous day and Mr Shrader withdrew his motion, when Mr Coburn moved that the further consideratio of the Bill for altering the time and place of hold the General Court be postponed till Thursday next the votes were Mr Shrader and Mr Coburn in the affirmative, Mr Bates, and Mr Lucas in the negative, not carried

On motion of Mr. Coburn ordered that the urther consideration of the Bill for altering he time and place of holding the General Court e postponed until the twenty ninth day f October next

Ayes. Messrs. Bates, Lucas, and Coburn
Noes. Mr Shrader. —

Mr Bates presented a Letter from William H. Harrison Esqr. containing Proposals from Elihu tout Printer at Vincennes, Indiana Territory for printing the Laws of this Territory. Ordered that he same do lie on the Table. —

Mr Coburn introduced a Bill to provide or the recovery of public Records and Papers illegally ithheld, which being read and several amendments greed to, ordered that the same be engrossed for a hird reading, and that the title to the said Bill e "An Act providing a summary mode to recover ublic Records and Papers illegally withheld"; and he same was engrossed accordingly — on the uestion shall this Bill pass: carried in the affirm ative unanimously, and the same was signed ccordingly —

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock

E. Hempstead. Clk

~~Wednesday~~ morning June 24. 1807.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment
Present.
as before.

On motion of Mr Shrader, Resolved by the Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana, that it is expedien to regulate by Law, a Standard of weights and measu and for equalizing the Distances of the tracts of Waggon carts, and other carriages used on public High ways:— and on motion of Mr Bates, ordered that the said Resolution be referred to Mr Shrader, to report thereon by Bill ~~or otherwise~~;

Mr Shrader introduced a Bill for limiting the ight of actions, which being read, on motion of Mr Lucas ordered, that the said Bill be made the order of the day for Saturday next

Mr Shrader introduced a Bill for establishing the ffice of Coroner and defining the duties appertaining to the same, which being read, and several amendments agreed to, ordered the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed for a third reading, and that the title to the said Bill be "An act establishing the office of Coroner and defining the powers and duties appertaining to the same" and on the question shall this Bill as amended pass, carried unanimously in the affirma

Mr Shrader introduced a Bill for the appointment of notaries public and defining their duties, which bein read, and several amendments agreed to, ordered that the said Bill, be entitled "An act to enable the Governor to appoint notaries public, and defining their duties. and on the question shall this

Bill as amended pass, carried in the affirmative unanimously — Ordered that the same be engrossed for signing Tomorrow

Mr Shrader introduced a Bill authorizing the Governor to offer a Reward for apprehending Criminals in certain cases, and the same being Read by the Clerk, was agreed to, ordered that the said Bill be entitled "An act authorizing the Governor to offer a Reward for the apprehension of Criminals in certain cases" and on the question shall this Bill as reported pass, carried in the affirmative unanimously, ordered that the same be Engrossed for signing Tomorrow

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn until to morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

E Hempstead Clk

Thursday morning June 25. 1807

Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

The Law, entitled "an act to enable the Governor to ppoint notaries public and defining their duties", as engrossed was read and signed

The Law entitled "An act authorizing the Governor to offer a Reward for the apprehension of Criminals in certain cases" as engrossed, was read and signed.

Mr Shrader introduced a Bill establishing courts of Justice and regulating Judicial Proceedings &c ~~being~~ read to the 23d Section thereof and several amendments agreed to: the further consideration thereof is postponed till to mor
Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock E. Hempstead

Friday morning June 26. 1807

Legislature met pursuant to
adjournment, present as before

On motion of Mr Shrader the Bill regulating the proceeding on Writs of Habeas Corpus, was taken into Consideration, an the same being read, and several amendments agreed to, Ordered that the title to the said Bill be "An act regulating the proceedings on Writs of Habeas Corpus" and on the Question shall this Bill as amended pass carried in the affirmative Unanimously. Ordered that the same be engrossed for signing to morrow.

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill establishing Courts of Justice, and the same being read and several amendments agreed to & Ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed untill to morrow.

Mr Coburn introduced a Bill to enable persons held in Slavery to sue for their Freedom, which being Read was agreed to: ordered that the title to the said Bill be "an act to enable persons held in Slavery to sue for their freedom: on the Question shall this Bill pass, carried in the affirmative unanimously

Ordered that the said Bill be engrossed for signing to morrow.

~~Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn~~
till to morrow morning 9 oClock

E Hempstead Clk

Saturday morning June 27. 1807

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as Yesterday

A Petition from sundry inhabitants of the Mine a Burton and its vicinity in the District of Saint Genevieve, signed Moses Austin and others praying that the smelting furnaces be fenced in such a manner, as to prevent cattle from approaching them: that all persons be prohibited from defiling the mine creek by throwing the carcases of dead animals and other filth from their Houses into it, "was presented" by Mr Darius Shaw, one of the signers thereof, and the same being read; ordered that the Legislature will examine Mr Shaw touching the subjects stated in the said Petition, and he was examined accordingly: On Motion of Mr Coburn, ordered that the said petition be referred to Mr Bates and Mr Shrader to inquire into the matters stated therein and to report thereon at the meeting of the Legislature on the Twenty ninth day of October next

The Law entitled "an act to enable persons held Slavery to sue for their Freedom", as Engrossed was read and signed

The Law, entitled "an act regulating the Proceedings on writs of Habeas Corpus" as engrossed was read and signed

Mr Shrader who was appointed for that purpose sented a Bill respecting probate of Wills, and the and the Distribution of such estates, and the same being read, ordered that the farther consideration thereof be postponed till monday next

Ordered that the several Bills which were postponed and made the order of the day for this day be further postponed till monday next

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till Monday next 9 oClock in the morning

E. Hempstead Clk

Monday June 29; 1807

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

A Petition from sundry inhabitants of the Town of Saint Louis, signed Jacque Clamorgan and others, was presented praying that the Legislature will by Law make certain regulations and alterations in Judicial proceedings, that the Law respecting District Rates and Levies may be repealed: that provision may be made by Law regulating Weights and measures concerning Slaves, and fixing a police for the Town of Saint Louis, and concerning the appointment of officers and the same being Read, on motion ordered that the first, second, third fourth, fifth, eighth, Tenth, Tw and fourteenth objects prayed for be referred to Mr Thoma and Mr Coburn, and that the remaining part of the said Petition be referred to Mr Lucas: to report thereon.

The petition of Andrew Henry was presented, praying for certain reasons therein stated, that an act of seperation between him and Mary his Wife be confirme and that the same be made a Divorce a vinculo matrimonii" and the same being read, on motion ordered that the said petition be referred to Mr Lucas and Mr Coburn, to report thereon —

The further consideration of the Bill respecting the probate of Wills and the Distribution of Real estates, being taken up: and several amendments agreed to: on the question shall this Bill pass carried unanimously in the affirmative ordered that the title to the said Bill be an act directing the probates of Wills and the descent of Intestates real estates and Distribution of their personal estates and for other purposes therein mentioned ordered that the same be engrossed for signing

Mr Shrader reported a Bill for the Division of Districts into Townships and other purposes, which being read and several amendments agreed to: on the Question shall this Bill pass, carried in the affirmative unanamously: — ordered that ~~that~~ the title to the said Bill be "an act providing for the Division of Districts into Townships, and for the appointment of Justices of the peace and constables"

The Bill for limiting the rights of action was read and the further consideration thereof postponed

Mr Bates reported a Bill respecting the Militia which being Read, the further consideration thereof is postponed till to morrow

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till tomorrow morning 8 o'Clock

Tuesday June 30. 1807.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before

A Petition (counter to the one presented on the 27 instant) from certain inhabitants of the Mine a Bur signed John Harvey and others. ~~was~~ presented remonstrating against the granting of the prayer of the said Petition of Moses Austin and others by the Legislature, and praying that the Carcases of Dead animals may not be left exposed so as to endanger the Health of Individuals on motion ordered that the said petition be referred to Mr Bates and Mr Shrader, to inquire into the matter stated therein, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the Legislature on the 29th day of October next.

The further consideration of the Bill respecting the Militia being called for; the same was read and Several amendments agreed to. ordered that the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed till to morro

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill establishing Courts of Justice, and several amendments being agreed; on the Question shall this Bill as amended pass, carried in the affirmative unanimou ordered that the title to the said Bill be "An act establishing Courts of Justice and regulating Judicial Proceedings" and that the same be engrossed for signing

adjourned till to morrow morning 8 o'clock

E. Hempstead

Wednesday July 1st. 1807.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment present as before —

Mr Shrader reported a Bill respecting foreign and domestic attachments; ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till to morrow.

Mr Lucas and Mr Coburn to whom the Petition of Andrew Henry was referred reported a Bill which being Read; and several amendments agreed to, on the Question shall this Bill pass, carried unanimously ordered that the title to the said Bill be "An act for the relief of Andrew Henry" and that the same be engrossed for signing —

The Legislature proceeded in the further consideration of the Bill respecting the Militia; and several amendments being agreed to — on the Question that this Bill as amended pass, carried in the affirmative unanimously —. ordered that the title to the said Bill be

ordered that that the same be engrossed for signing.

adjourned till to morrow morning 8 oClock.

E. Hempstead

Thursday July 2^d. 1807. — The Legislature met

A Letter from the Executive of this Territory Mr Bates, dated July [illegible] was presented and read, stating that the limits of the District of New Madrid hath been by him so extended as to include the District of Arkansaw. — Ordered that the same be referred to Mr Lucas.

Mr Shrader reported a Bill establishing orphans Courts and the same being Read — on the question shall this Bill pass, carried unanimously in the affirmative: ordered that the title to the said Bill be "an act for establishing orphans Courts" — and that the same be engrossed for signing

The Legislature proceeded to the further consideration of the Bill respecting ~~absent~~ and absconding debtors, and several amendments being agreed to: — on the question shall this bill pass: carried unanimously in the affirmative ordered that that the title to the said Bill be an act directing the methods of proceeding against absent and absconding Debtors, and that the same be engrossed for for signing —

Mr. Shrader and Mr Coburn, the Committee to whom were referred several subjects contained in a petition to the Legislature from a number o the Inhabitants of the Town of Saint Louis, in this Territory made a Report thereon, ordered that the same lie on the Table. (See June 17, 1808)

On motion of Mr Coburn, the following Resolution was adopted. Resolved by the Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana that Judge Shrader be authorized and required to examine any accounts which Individuals may exhibit against the said Territory, and ascertain the amount thereof. that he be ~~authorized~~ to request of the Sheriff or other officers the ~~amount~~ of all monies due to the Territory, ~~and that his certificate be a sufficient voucher for the Governor to draw for the amount thereof on the Territorial Treasurer~~

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock

E. Hempstead

Friday morning July 3. 1807.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment. Present

Mr Bates
Mr Lucas
Mr Shrader

Mr Shrader reported a Bill for the recovery of Debts before a Justice of peace, which being read and several amendments agreed to. On the question shall this Bill as amended pass, carried in the affirmative unanimously. Ordered that the title to the said Bill be "An act for the Recovery of debts and demands not exceeding Sixty Dollars before a Justice of the peace" and that the same be engrossed for signing

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the committee on the petition of Jacque Clamorgan and others

On motion ordered that on the first subject as reported ~~on~~ by the said committee — the further consideration thereof be postponed till the 29th day of October next —

[illegible], be referred to Judge Shrader to report thereon by Bill,

and that the third, fourth, and fifth be referred to Mr Lucas.—

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill limiting the rights of certain action, and several amendments having been agreed to, a the Question shall this Bill pass as amended, carried in the affirmative unanimously. Ordered that the title to the said Bill be "An act of limitation to rights of certain actions" and that the same be engrossed for signing.

The act entitled "An act establishing courts of Justice and regulating judicial proceedings, as engrossed was signed.—

The act entitled an act establishing the office of Coroner, and defining the powers and duties of the same, as Engrossed was signed

The Legislature then adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 o'Clock.—

E Hempstead Clk

Saturday morning July 4. 1807

Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present

as yesterday —

Mr Lucas to whom the communication of [illegible] respecting the Districts of Arkansaw and [illegible] was referred on the second instant, reported a Bill in pursuance thereof. and the same being read on the question shall this Bill pass. carried in the affirmative unanimously — Ordered that the title to the said Bill be "an act extending the powers of the Courts of Common Pleas & Quarter Sessions and other officers of the District of Newmadrid over certain parts of this Territory formerly composing the District of Arkansaw," and that the same be Engrossed for signing —

Mr Shrader offered the following Resolution, towit Resolved by the Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana that the Governor be required and authorized to contract with any printer or printers for the printing of a sufficient number of copies of the laws of a public nature passed during the present session f the Legislature, and that he be also required to employ some fit person to translate uch laws of the Territory as he may think proper to the French language," and the same being ead; on motion of Mr Lucas, ordered that the ame be postponed for further consideration till onday next —

Mr Shrader reported a Bill regulating fees d the costs on Indictments, and the same being Read — on the Question shall this Bill pass rried in the affirmative unanimously. Ordered the title to the said Bill be "An act ascertaining the fees of the several officers and persons therein named and regulating the costs on Indictments" — and that the same be Engrossed for signing

An act entitled "an act directing the Probate "of Wills, and the descent of Intestates real estates and distribution of their personal estates and for "other purposes" as Engrossed, was read compared and signed.

An act entitled "an act establishing orphans Courts" — as Engrossed was read, examined and signed

An act entitled "an act providing for the division of Districts into Townships, and for the appointment of Justices of the peace and Constables as Engrossed, was read examined and signed

An act entitled "an act of limitation to rights of certain actions" as engrossed was read examined and signed

An act entitled "an act for the relief of Andrew Henry" as Engrossed was read examined and signed.

An act entitled "An act directing the mode "method of proceeding against absent and

absconding debtors", as Engrossed, was read,
mined and signed

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn
till Monday morning July 6. at 8. o'Clk

E. Hempstead Clk

Monday morning July 6. 1807.

The Legislature met pursuant
to adjournment — present
Frederick Bates &
Otho Shrader, Esqrs and Mr
Lucas being absent. Ordered that the Legislature
do adjourn till to morrow morning 8 o'Clock

E. Hempstead Clk

Tuesday morning July 7.

The Legislature met pursuant to
adjournment — Present the same members as
Yesterday — and John B. C. Lucas Esqr

An act entitled "an act extending the
owers of the Courts of Common Pleas, and Quarter
Sessions and other officers of the District of
New Madrid over certain parts of this Territory for-
merly composing the District of Arkansas" as
engrossed, was read, examined, and signed.

An act entitled "an act ascertaining
e fees of the several officers and persons therein
named and regulating the payment of costs on
ndictments" as engrossed, was read examined
nd signed —

Mr Shrader introduced a Bill "in addition to an act establishing the Recorders office" and the same having been read, on the Question shall this Bill pass carried in the affirmative unanimously. Ordered that the Title to the said Bill be "an act in addition to an act establishing Recorders offices, and providing a mode by which married Women may release their right of Dower" and that the same be engrossed immediately for signing —: The said Bill being accordingly engrossed was read examined, and signed.—

Mr Bates to whom the Militia Law was referred, reported a Bill accordingly, and the same being read, and several amendments agreed to, on the Question shall this Bill as amended pass, carried unanimously in the affirmative — Ordered that the title to the said Bill be "an act regulating the Militia", and that the same be engrossed —: which being done the said Bill as engrossed was read examined and signed. —

On motion of Mr Shrader,

Resolved by the Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana, that the Governor be eby authorized to enter into a contract with any Printer for printing Two Hundred copies of the Militia Law and three Hundred copies of the Laws of a ublic nature passed during the present Session of the Legislature.

also

Resolved that the Governor thorized to employ some fit person to translate e Laws of this Territory as he shall think proper into the French Language: provided that he expences for printing and translating shall not exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars —

Resolved that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the aforesaid purposes, to be paid out of the Territorial Treasury on Warrant or Warrants of the Governor out of any money that shall be paid into the Treasury and not otherwise appropriated —

Resolved the Legislature do adjourn until the Sixth day of October next, at Nine of the Clock, in the forenoon, then to meet at this place —

E Hempstead Clk

Louisiana Territory Ss.

Tuesday October 6. 1807.

This being the day to which the Legislature none of the members appeared —

E Hempstead Clk

Thursday October 8, 1807.

The Legislature met

Present

~~Frederick Bates, Secretary of the Territory~~ and exercising the Government

John B. C Lucas Otho Shrader, and John Coburn	Judges of the Territory

Mr Shrader presented to the Legislature two etitions from sundry inhabitants of the villages saint Genevieve and new Bourbon sign

by. Francois Vallé, Henry Dodge. &c James Beauvais
and others, praying that certain parts of the said
villages, included within the bounds therein stated, may
for the reasons in the said petitions alledged may b
incorporated by an act of the Legislature, that the Town
a Town Council be elected annually by the Inhabitan
and be invested with sufficient power and authority
to enact By-Laws and ordinances for the maintenan
of the Town police, and for regulating the fences roun
the Common Fields in such manner as similar Corpora-
-tions are usually established in the United States an
as may appear to the Legislature most conducive
to the public Good in general, and especially to the
inhabitants of the said villages", which being read —
on motion, ordered that the same petitions be
referred to Mr Shrader to report thereon

Mr. Bates, presented a Petition of Auguste
Chouteau of the Town of Saint Louis, which was received
and read. Stating that an act of the Legislature of this
Territory entitled "an act to defray the expences of certain
patrolles in the Town of Saint Louis" passed July 9. 1806
which has not been carried into effect, and praying
that the sum of nine Hundred and Sixty dollars ordered
to be raised by that act, may by an act of the
Legislature be collected for the purposes in the
said Law recited: ordered to lie on the Table

Mr. Shrader offered the following Resolution, to wit
Resolved. that it is proper to make provision by Law
for selecting, returning and compelling the attendance
of Jurors at the respective Courts of Record of this
Territory" which being read and agreed to unanimously
on motion, Ordered that the same resolution
be referred to Mr Shrader and Mr Coburn to
report thereon by Bill.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till monday next at 8 o'Clock in the morning —

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E Hempstead Clk

Monday morning October 12. 1807,

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present, the whole number of members as before.

Mr. Shrader presented to the Legislature the emorial of the Rev. James Maxwell on behalf the subscribers and contributors towards establishing t the Town of Saint Genevieve a Seminary of learning hich was received and read. praying that the egislature will grant to the Trustees named in the regulations, a charter or act of incorporation, in such manner as may appear most advantageous for the promotion of the said institution, which said regulations are to the said memorial: ordered that the same do lie on the Table. —

On motion ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till Wednesday morning next the 14th instant at 8 o'Clock —

E Hempstead

Wednesday Morning October 14th 1807

Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present the whole number of members as before except, Honl. John B. C Lucas.

On motion Resolved by the Legislature t it is expedient to make provision by Law to enable persons who have associated themselves for the establishment of any institution whose object is the promotion of useful knowledge, education of youth or pious purposes to become a body politic and corporate in Law, and that the said Resolution be referred to Mr Shrader and Mr Coburn to report thereon by Bill or otherwise. —

The Legislature proceeded to take into consideration the petition of August Chouteau, presented on the eighth instant, and on motion, the same was referred to Mr Shrader and Mr Coburn to report thereon.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

E. Hempstead Clk

Thursday morning October 15. 1807.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment present as Yesterday.

Mr Coburn from the Committee to whom were referred the subject concerning Insolvent Debtors, reported a Bill thereon, which being twice Read, Ordered that the same be Engrossed for the order of the day to morrow. —

Mr Shrader from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of August Chouteau, reported a Bill thereon, Ordered that the same do lie on Table.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock.

E. Hempstead

Friday morning October 16. 1807

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as Yesterday the same members

The engrossed Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors was read a third time: on the question shall the Bill as engrossed pass, carried in the affirmative unanimously

Ordered that the title to the said Bill be "An act concerning Insolvent Debtors", and the said Bill was read examined, and signed.

On Motion of Mr Shrader ordered that it be referred to Mr Coburn to report thereon by Bill or otherwise, what provision is necessary to be made by Law concerning Mortgages.—

On motion of Mr Bates Resolved that the order made by the Legislature on the Twenty third day of June last postponing the consideration of the subject of a change of the place of holding the sittings of the General Court being made under an impression that the Legislature would not meet until the last monday in October but as the Legislature by a subsequent Resolution changed the time of its meeting until the first monday in October: be reconsidered during the present session of the Legislature and that it be made the order of the day on tomorrow morning and that the Bill reported on a former occasion be recommitted to Mr Shrader and Mr Coburn to report thereon

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock

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Saturday Morning October 17. 1807

Legislature met, present as Yesterday.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn to Monday morning 9 o'Clock

E. Hempstead

Monday Morning October 19. 1807

The Legislature met agreeably to adjournment.
Present, the same members

Mr Shrader from the Committee to whom were recommitted the Bill for altering the times and places of holding the General Court, reported a Bill thereon, which being read; on Motion of Mr Bates the consideration thereof is postponed till this afternoon.

Mr Bates presented a petition from Samuel Hammond Junior praying that a Law concerning foreign and other attachments may be passed — ~~which~~ which having been read, ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Committee to whom were referred the subject of Mortgages, reported a Bill thereon, and the same being amended at the Clerks table was twice severally read, ordered that the same be engrossed, and made the order of the Day for to morrow.

Legislature adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock

E. Hempstead

Tuesday Morning October 20. 1807.

Legislature met pursuant to adjournment. Present as Yesterday

Mr. Bates presented the Petition of Auguste Chouteau and others inhabitants of the Town of Saint Louis, praying that the Bill for the removal of the General Court, may be postponed until it is ascertained by a Census of the Inhabitants, that the Town of Saint Louis is not the place most convenient for the generality of the Inhabitants of the Territory for the holding of the said General Court, and the same being read, Ordered to lie on the Table.

The committee to whom were referred the resolution passed the fourteenth instant, reported a Bill to provide in certain associations the powers and immunities of Corporations or bodies politic in Law, and the same being read; the consideration thereof was postponed until this afternoon —

On motion of Mr Shrader the Bill entitled an act in addition to an act entitled an act establishing Courts of Justice and regulating Judicial proceedings, was read. and on motion of Mr Bates that the further Consideration thereof be postponed till this afternoon, carried

Ayes. Mr Bates, Mr Coburn
Noes. Mr Shrader.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till one o'clock this afternoon —

E Hempstead

Tuesday afternoon October 20: 1807

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournm
Present as in the forenoon.

The engrossed Bill on the subject of Mortgages was read, and on the question shall this Bill pass carried unanimously — Ordered that the title to the said Bill be An act concerning mortgages and the said Bill was read, examined and signed.

On motion of Mr Shrader, the Bill entitled "an act in addition to an act entitled an act establishing Courts of Justice and Regulating Judicial proceedings" was taken into consideration, and the same being amended by adding the third Section thereto, on the question shall this Bill pass, the same was carried unanimously: Ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, which being done by the Clerk — the said Bill as engrossed was read, and on the Question shall the Bill as engrossed pass carried unanimously, Ordered that the title to the said Bill be, "An act in addi to an act entitled an act establishing Courts of Justice and regulating Judicial proceedings" — and the said Bill was read, examined, and signed

On motion, Resolved by the Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana that the Governor be authorized and empowered to audit an adjust the accounts of Edward Hempstea

Clerks of the Legislature against the said Territory, and that he draw a Warrant in favor of the said Edward Hempstead on the Territorial Treasurer for the amount thus ascertained to be due.

Ordered that all Bills, orders and Petitions, now before the Legislature and undetermined, be postponed for further consideration till the next meeting of the Legislature —

Ordered that the Legislature Adjourn Sine Die,

E Hempstead Clerk